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To: Hospice Providers

RE: Changes To Medicaid Hospice Criteria

Chapter 51 of the Alabama Medicaid Agency Administrative Code Manual has been amended. Hospice providers should review changes to Rule No. 560-X-51-.04, entitled Recipient Eligibility. It is very important that providers use current criteria when reviewing the appropriateness of hospice placement for a Medicaid recipient. **Amendments for Rule No. 560-X-51-.04 have an effective date of October 17, 2006.**

The Alabama Medicaid Agency Administrative Code manual is available on the agency website at www.medicaid.alabama.gov.

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